

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Albaugh et al.** § Group Art Unit: **3696**
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Serial No.: **10/721,432** § Examiner: **Colbert, Ella**
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Filed: **November 25, 2003** § Confirmation No.: **7145**
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For: **System for Metering in an On-Demand Utility Environment** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030683US1**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0457. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

In response to the Final Office Action of November 25, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.